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WEEK AT UD WILL FOCUS ON HOMELESS ISSUES

DAYTON, Ohio, February 20, 1990--University of Dayton students will protect themselves from the wintry March air by sleeping on cardboard retrieved from dumpsters when they hold a campus sleep-out in Kennedy Union Plaza on Thursday, March 1 to show solidarity with the homeless.

The homeless experience is part of a Week in Solidarity with the Homeless (WISH) at UD, which will be held from Feb. 27 to March 5.

An orientation for the sleep-out will be held on Thursday, March 1 at 10 p.m. in the plaza, and a prayer vigil will begin at 12:15 a.m. Friday in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. A breakfast line and soup line will be set up in the plaza on Friday for the "homeless" students.

A letter writing campaign encouraging legislators to support affordable housing will be conducted Friday in the plaza. On Saturday, March 3, student volunteers will work on various housing projects in the Dayton area including DP&L's Volunteer Insulation Program, Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent Hotel for the Homeless, The Other Place, House of Bread, Booth House and the Salvation Army's shelter for women and children and adult rehabilitation center. Students will also be volunteering to clean up parks downtown where some homeless people sleep.

Additional WISH activities will include a panel discussion, informational videotapes, a photography exhibit in the Kennedy Union Art Gallery on campus and an aluminum can drive to benefit the homeless.

For more information on WISH activities, contact Sister Nancy Bramlage, S.C., at (513) 229-3339.